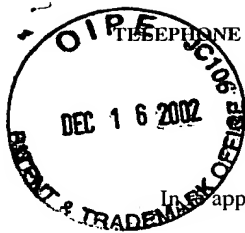


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In application of: Frank Reisinger

SERIAL NO.: 09/586,480

GROUP ART UNIT: 3629

FILED: June 1, 2000

EXAMINER: D. F. Charles

TITLE: "ARRANGEMENT FOR LOADING RATE TABLES"

AMENDMENT "A"

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

☐ No additional fee is required.

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INDEP. CLAIMS	*	MINUS		X	() X 40.00 () X 84.00	
Application amended to contain any multiple dependent claims not previously paid for.				() YES () NO	() \$140.00 () \$280.00 ONE TIME	
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In response to the Office Action dated September 11, 2002, Applicant
herewith amends the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 has been amended as follows:

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1. (Amended) An arrangement for loading rate table data comprising:

a postage meter;

an external scale having a postage calculator;

a modem which receives rate table data from an external source; and

a switchover module connected between said postage meter, said scale and
said modem and having a control line for setting a switching state of said switch over
module to selectively conduct data downloading of rate table data directly from said
external source to said postage calculator exclusively via said modem and said
switchover module.